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KANDA
...A CLIENT?

LEN'S STARTED WORKING ON THE GHOST TRAIN! WHO'S THE FIRST CLIENT HE'S BROUGHT TO THEM...?

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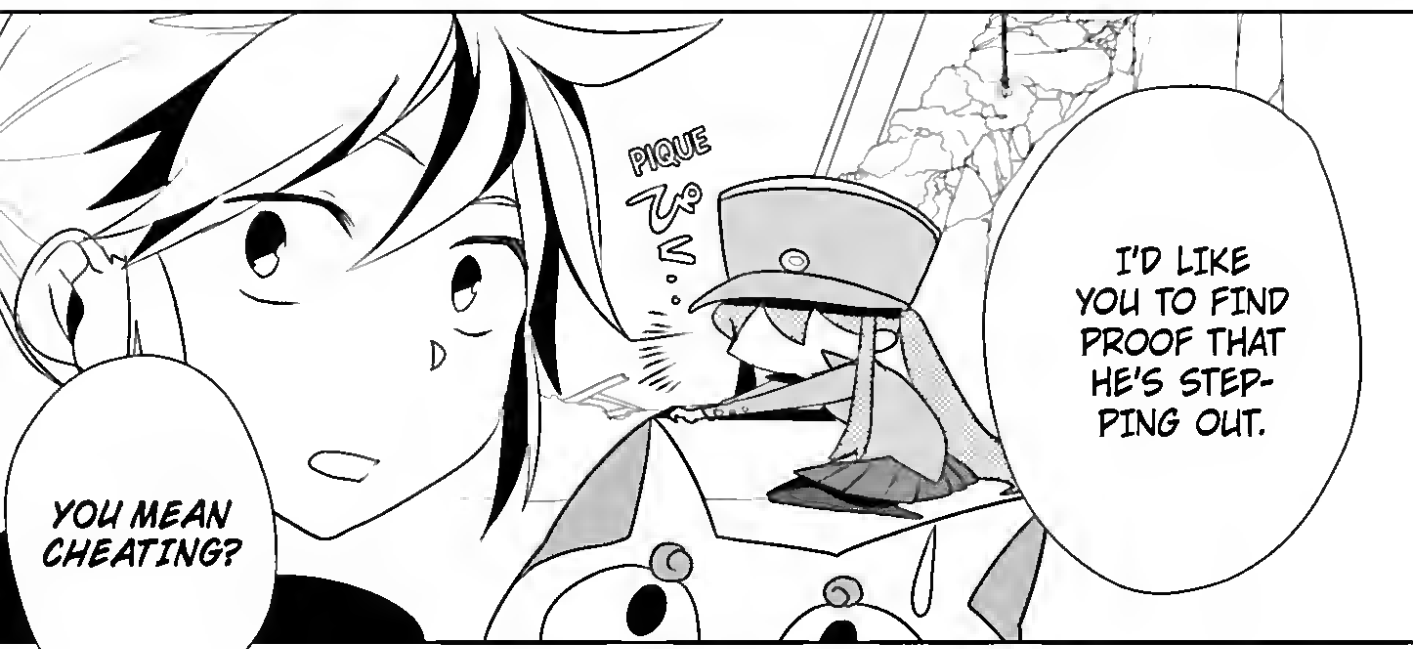
I
DON'T
WANNA.
MIKU FACE TEXT: ANNOYING.
C'MON, MIKU, IF WE DON'T WORK WE CAN'T MA--
CORPORATE SLAVERY
ニンゲンイロセ
LAYOFFS
クビキリ
NEUROSES
WORKING BRINGS SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS!
THAT'S WHAT IT IS!
DEATH BY OVERWORK
カロウシ
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A LAZY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
せっかく便利能力なのに
AND I FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING USEFUL TO DO TOO.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE THAT...
...I'LL JUST...
...LET YOU KNOW I'VE BROUGHT...
HELLO.
SHOOP
NO WAY!!!
...OUR FIRST CLIENT, MISS ASAGAYA.
ARGH
I DON'T WANNA I DON'T WANNA! THE MONEY WE GOT FROM LEN'S GONNA LAST US A LITTLE WHILE, ANYWAY!
I'M NOT GIVING YOU ANY MORE!
I...IS EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
COME ON IN.
AH! IT TALKED!
ARGH

ARE YOU REALLY THE GHOST TRAIN FROM THE STORIES?
I'M TETO ASAGAYA.
SFX GRUMMMMBLE
GRRRRRR
IT MIGHT BE A BIT RUDE TO SAY, BUT I AM SEEING A MAN RIGHT NOW...
HAVE A SEAT..
THANK YOU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I'D LIKE YOU TO FIND PROOF THAT HE'S STEP-PING OUT.
YOU MEAN CHEATING?

TAILING
尾行
CHEATING
浮気
SHINE
EXCITEMENT
わく…
I'LL BE A DETECTIVE!
ARREST
逮捕
LOGIC
推理
LET'S DO IT.
FWOO
ふぅ
INVESTI-GATING A CHEATING BOYFRIEND, HUH...
I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU HAD TO GO SO FAR AS TO CALL THE GHOST TRAIN FOR THIS... PRETENDING TO BE DETECTIVES MIGHT BE A LITTLE BENEATH US...
WORST CASE SCENARIO. I'D END UP DOING IT
まー最悪、オレ達で…
I'LL DO IT.
DUNNN
ピシッ
よかった
それは
I'M SO GLAD
SHE'S KINDA INTO STUFF LIKE THAT, Y'KNOW.
HOW MUCH WILL YOUR FEE BE?
OHH, YES!
SQUEEZE
ぐぐぐ

TAOUM
UMM...
1000 YE--
NATURALLY, I WOULD NOT HAVE ASSUMED THE JOB WOULD BE FREE.
THE GUY WHO TRIED TO GET THEM TO WORK FOR FREE.
STARE
NOW THEN, I'D LIKE TO GET THE DETAILS OF YOUR REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
.....
CHOMP
CHOMP
ON BOWL SHACHIHOKO
SHACHIHOKO...
CHOMP...
I'M ACTUALLY NOT SURPRISED THAT MIKU DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR MONEY, BUT...
WE HAVE MONEY, ANYWAY...

GHOSTS NEED MONEY TOO...?
WE HAVE TO SA--
DO THE TWO OF YOU REALLY NEED MONEY TOO?
ASSISTANT 1, ASSISTANT 2, TIME TO START IN ON THE LEGWORK!!
I UH... PLEAD THE FIFTH.
HEY...

YEAH, YEAH.
HE'S PRETTY WELL-CONNECTED.
WE SEE HIM A LOT.
OH, YES.
THIS YOUNG MAN...
FWIP
ALWAYS MAKING TIME WITH THOSE LADIES.
TWICE A WEEK, HE COMES.
HE'S SOMETIMES GOT MORE THAN ONE TOO.
HE'S ALWAYS GOT A DIFFERENT GIRL ON HIS ARM.
CHACHING!
WELL THAT WAS A FAST RESOLUTION...
ALL I'LL ACCEPT IS FIRST-HAND EVIDENCE!
I DON'T BELIEVE I--
HE GAVE ME THIS NECKLACE...
YEP!
HERE'S MATERIAL EVIDENCE!

IT'S ALMOST REFRESHINGLY EASY TO PROVE THAT THIS GUY IS TRASH.
I HAVE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES!
WE CAN'T CALL THIS COMPLETELY IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE YET!!
HE PICKED ME UP.
HE KISSED ME.
AFTER THAT...
THE BABY IS HIS...
.....
GREAT DETECTIVE COSTUME SET
COST - 10 YEN
HMM...
THEN I SUPPOSE THIS CASE...
SIGH
BORED
...WILL REMAIN UNSOLVED.
NO, IT WON'T!

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PREPARE SUPPER...
YOU DON'T NEED TO OVERDO IT... IT'S STILL EARLY.
HEHE...
あれ OH?
ARE YOU GOING HOME?
と、とにかく、 A-ANYWAY.
PLEASE CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION!!
HUP よいしょ
HE MAY YET RETURN TO ME, AFTER ALL.
WE'VE REACHED A STAND-STILL...
...HAVEN'T WE?
.....

I MEAN, SHE STOPPED TAKING OUR EVI-DENCE AS EVIDENCE!
IT'S A PAIN...
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
JEEZ, THIS LADY...
BOM
OOF...
FWUMP
WAIT...
AH, S-SORRY!
OWWWW...
WAIT...
KAITO?!
AH, IF IT ISN'T LEN!!

THIS IS KAITO NINOMIYA.
HE WORKS AS A HOUSE-BOY NEAR MY HOUSE, AND HE'S RIN AND MY TUTOR AS WELL.
THIS IS MIKU AND SHACHI-HOKO.
?
GOOD DAY.
YOUR NAME IS MIKUAND-SHACHIHOKO?
WHAT A LONG NAME..
ARE YOU A PUPPY?
HE'S DUMB, BUT HE'S ALSO REALLY SMART.
HE'S AN IDIOT...
SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE OF A CHEATER, YOU SAY?

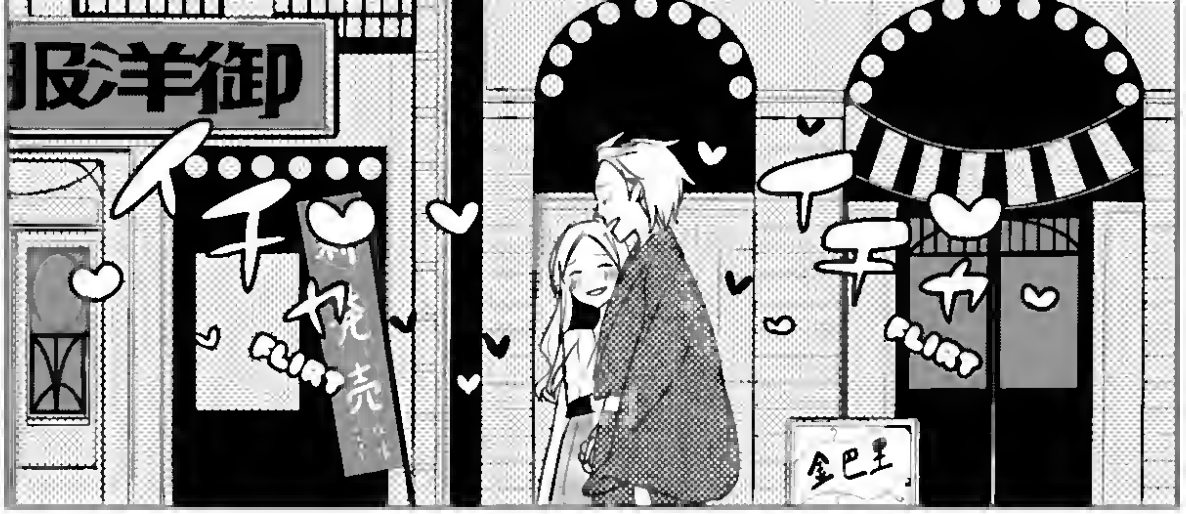
HEE HEE HEE
THAT'S UNUSUAL, LEN HELPING SOMEONE.
I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED IT.
THAT WAS CERTAINLY SOME INTRODUCTION, WHEN WE MET.
LEN BG I'M THE ELDEST SON OF THE KAGURA FAMILY. AND WHO ARE YOU?
WHEN I MET YOU, YOU ACTED THE IRRITATING, STUCK-UP FIRST SON, AFTER ALL.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH TIHS.
UMM...
SHE WON'T TAKE THE EVIDENCE YOU'VE FOUND AS FACT?
...I'M A BIT INTERESTED IN THIS NOW...
WHY DOES THIS PERSON WANT TO FIND EVIDENCE THAT THEIR PARTNER IS CHEATING?

THE WILLFUL ACTIONS OF A PERSON ARE APT TO SHOW THEIR TRUE GOAL, AND THE MEANS TO GET TO THAT GOAL.
SHE CAME TO YOU TO ASK YOU TO FIND EVIDENCE OF THE CHEATING PARTNER, AND THAT APPEARED TO BE HER GOAL, AND YOUR INVESTIGATION THE MEANS.
BUT WHAT IF THE REQUEST ITSELF WAS ALSO...
...JUST A MEANS TO A DIFFERENT END?

...MAN, KAITO, DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SO COMPLICATED?
PAFF
ぽかっ
OW!
おいた><
DO NOT BE UNREASONABLE!

HE HAS A POINT, WE DON'T KNOW WHY SHE CAME TO US.
I GUESS NOT. LET'S JUST ASK HER.
I'M GOING HOME.
THANKS, KAITO.
NOT AT ALL
いいえ
WAVE
WAVE

AH.
THAT REMINDS ME. HOW IS YOUR BOOK COMING?
BOOK...?
HE'S WRITTEN SHORT STORIES BEFORE, BUT NOW HE'S WORKING ON A NOVEL.
CLATTER
カラ
LEMME SEE--
No.
ナニ
IT'S NOT DONE YET.
メ
THAT AGAIN
まだそれかよ
WHEN'S IT GONNA BE DONE, ANYWAY?
いつ
...IT MIGHT NEVER BE DONE, ACTUALLY.
I'M NOT SURE IT WILL LET ME FINISH IT.
HMM...?
THE NEXT DAY...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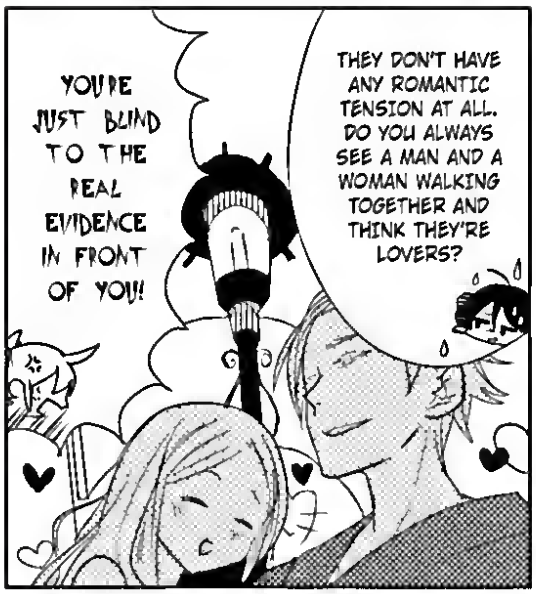

THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ROMANTIC TENSION AT ALL. DO YOU ALWAYS SEE A MAN AND A WOMAN WALKING TOGETHER AND THINK THEY'RE LOVERS?
YOU'RE JUST BLIND TO THE REAL EVIDENCE IN FRONT OF YOU!!

NOW WE'VE GOT HIM RED-HANDED!!
HE'S SIMPLY SHOPPING WITH A FRIEND OF HIS.
STARE
GRRR

AH.
ANYWAY, WHY DID YOU COME TO ASK US FOR EVIDENCE OF CHEATING IN THE FIRST--
THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.

LET'S GO AFTER THEM.
CREAK
...MIKU?
DID SOME-ONE JUST...?
?
MODERN SALESGIRL OUTFIT
COST - 20 YEN
...CURRENTLY DATING ONE ANOTHER...?
ARE THE TWO OF YOU...
FWOOOSH
HEE HEE
OH, COULD YOU TELL?
HEE HEE... SHE'S JUST MISTAKEN, THAT'S ALL.
POSITIVE THINKING CAN ONLY GO SO FAR!!
THANK YOU VERY MU--
CREAK
SHF

CREAK

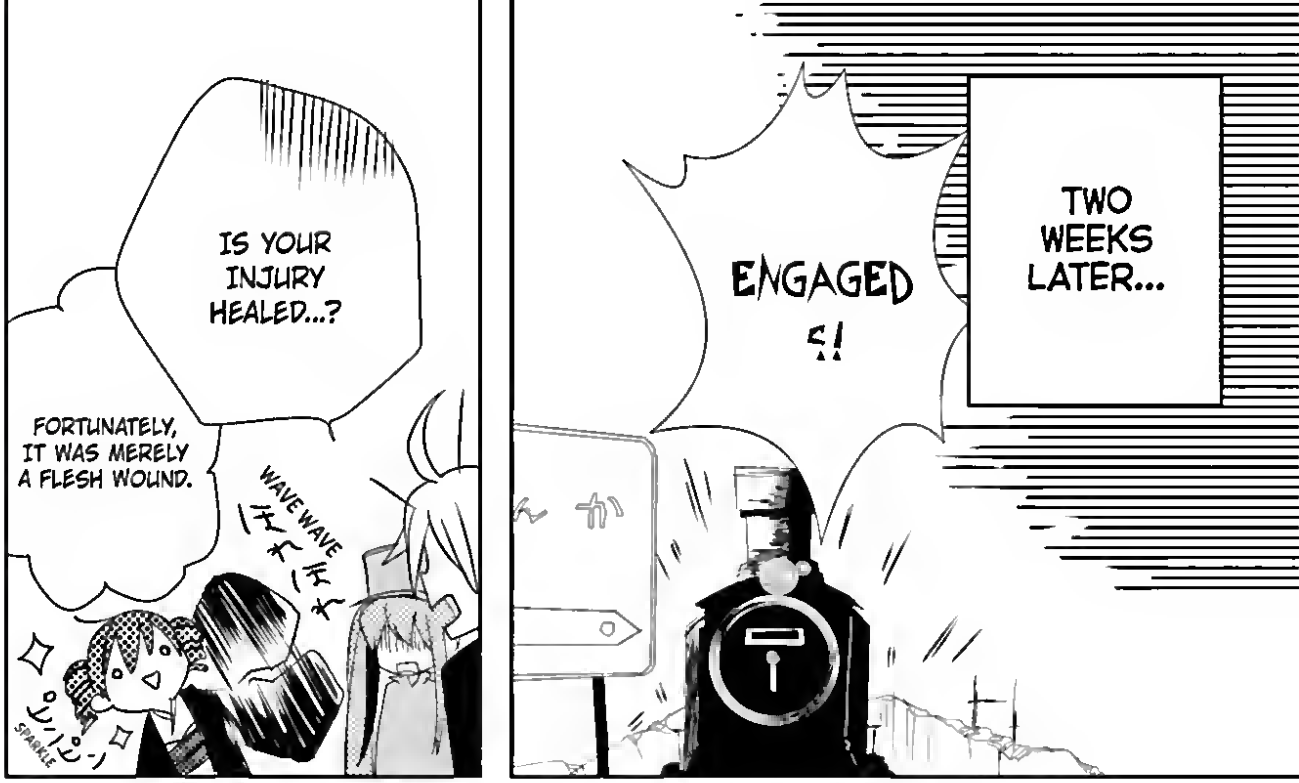
WHOA
OUT IN THE OPEN...
STAARE
GET BACK!
SHOOF
SLASH
EE-
BLOOD..?
EEEEK!
AND NOW YOU'RE WITH HER, I SEE...
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT...
SCRAPE
BLOOD KNIFE

THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US!
I'M SORRY
NO MORE TALK!
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM, BUT YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW...
WE REALLY SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS...
HELP!
DON'T YOU RUN!
A WOMAN SCORNED IS TERRIFYING
SHF
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
SLICE
FWSH

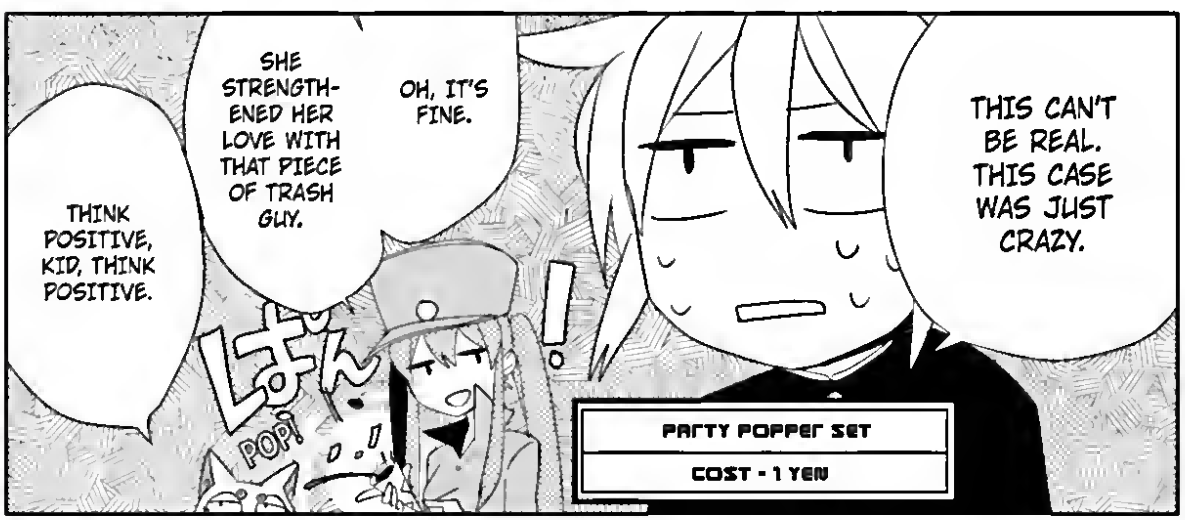
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
THOK

SHF
TREMBLE
A TOURNI-QUET...
BAN-DAGES...
SHACHI-HOKO...
WHY DID... YOU PROTECT HIM...?
A DOC-TOR
YOU KNOW HE'S JUST PLAYING WITH YOU TOO, RIGHT...?!
CLATTER
?!?
MISS TETO?!
SLUMP

BANDAGES
COST - 1 YEN
MEDICINE
COST - 1 YEN
SCISSORS
COST - 80 YEN
EEEK!
キャアアア
SOME-ONE'S
人が…
UMMM
ムムム
そかれて
GIMME THAT
もしゃ
CHOMP
SHE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW...! WHY DID YOU...?
YOU... REALLY ARE STUPID....
...I GUESS I AM TOO...
I WAS TRYING SO HARD...
...TO LEARN HOW TO HATE YOU...
DON'T TALK!
WHERE'S THE VICTIM?!
人はいずこ…?


IS YOUR INJURY HEALED...?
FORTUNATELY, IT WAS MERELY A FLESH WOUND.
WAVE WAVE
SPARKLE
TWO WEEKS LATER...
ENGAGED ?!

I GUESS TRAGEDY MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER!
SPARE ME.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU'RE GONNA MARRY THAT PIECE OF TRASH GUY...?


THINK POSITIVE, KID, THINK POSITIVE.
SHE STRENGTH-ENED HER LOVE WITH THAT PIECE OF TRASH GUY.
OH, IT'S FINE.
THIS CAN'T BE REAL. THIS CASE WAS JUST CRAZY.
POP!
PARTY POPPER SET
COST - 1 YEN

CONGRATULATIONS.
AH, BUT SINCE THEN HE'S BECOME QUITE THE GENTLEMAN.
LIKE A MONK-IN-TRAINING. HAHA
修行僧みたい(笑)
IT'D BE WEIRDER IF HE DIDN'T IMPROVE.
WELL, ANYWAY...
THANK YOU.
IT TAKES NAUGHT BUT A MOMENT FOR A LOVE THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED OVER TIME TO COOL...

TOK
...AND YET IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO COME TO HATE SOMEONE YOU ONCE LOVED.
DO YOU HAVE ANYONE THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, RIN?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT I THINK LEN'S THAT IMPORTANT.
AND YOU TOO, KAITO!!

I TOO CARE VERY MUCH...
...ABOUT YOU AND LEN, RIN.
HOW-EVER...
...ARE THOSE FEELINGS TRULY WHAT WE COULD CALL LOVE?
HMMM. GEE.. I DUNNO!!
うーんとねえ
DON'T WORRY, THIS WON'T BE ON THE TEST.
YAY!
PAT PAT
なでこ
なでこ
AND UNTIL ONE REAL-IZES THE TRUE NAME OF THIS FEELING...
...THINGS WILL KEEP CIRCLING AROUND.

THAT'S THE KIND OF STORY THIS IS, YOU SEE.
KAITO'S WORDS CARRY A DEEP MEANING. WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE TRUE GOAL OF MIKU AND THE GHOST TRAIN'S CREW...